

forgive me if I think Isaiah had something to say to me today as he does to all generations:

Though young men faint and grow weary, though youth stagger and fall, they have hope in the Lord, who shall renew their strength, and they shall rise as with the wings of eagles. They shall run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint.

CAMPBELL WILL HELP LEAD THE WAY IN 1996

(Mr. BAKER of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BAKER of California. Mr. Speaker, I say to the gentleman from California [Mr. CAMPBELL], I liked the gentleman better under the labels they gave him in that last campaign, and I am going to speak for those conservatives who rallied around the gentleman to make sure that our victory was complete, that as the Republican Party, we are the party that allows debate and allows dissension.

The gentleman from California [Mr. CAMPBELL] and I are friends, and became friends, and we are going to stay friends as he meets his new conservative colleagues.

Mr. Speaker, Thomas Wolfe said, "You can't come home again," but they were wrong. TOM CAMPBELL, you are home again. They tried all of the campaign themes of 1996, they tried the school lunch, they tried the Mediscare, and they tried to paint you what you are not, but you spell one thing to the Republican Party, TOM CAMPBELL, and that is momentum. We are winning, and just as Ron Lewis and Frank Lucas said in 1994, we are the special elections that lead the way.

TOM CAMPBELL, you are a leader in 1996. Congratulations on a tremendous victory.

APPRECIATION OF CAMPBELL'S HIGH STANDARDS

(Mr. THOMAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise for this 1-minute to thank the gentleman from California [TOM CAMPBELL], actually not as a Republican, but I want to thank him as someone who knew him before he was in office, while he was in office and after he left to serve the people of the State of California. I want to thank him for putting his name on a ballot. I want to thank TOM CAMPBELL for his willingness to put his name on a ballot, once again.

As we argue over the issue differences that we clearly will have, based upon our different philosophies and, frankly, the different people that we represent, I think all of us can be proud, not just today, but frankly yesterday, that the House of Representatives is accepting as Members people of

the caliber of TOM CAMPBELL, and that hopefully, seeing right prevail will encourage more people of the caliber of TOM CAMPBELL, to put their names on the ballot. We are all better for him being a Member of this body once again.

REPUBLICAN MAJORITY IN CALIFORNIA

(Mr. DREIER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege and honor for me to once again welcome clearly one of the most brilliant, capable, and principled individuals who has ever served in the U.S. Congress. I believe that as we look at the outcome of this very historic election, which saw TOM CAMPBELL win by a 23-point margin, it demonstrated the fact that we have the people on our side when it comes to our goal of balancing the Federal budget and ensuring that we are not going to pass on to future generations the responsibility of paying for Washington's profligate spending pattern which has gone on for over four decades.

It seems to me, Mr. Speaker, that as we welcome TOM CAMPBELL, we should underscore the fact that his commitment to a balanced budget was key to his victory; and it is a great privilege for me, as the dean of our delegation Mr. MOORHEAD did, to underscore the fact that we now for the first time in many, many, many decades, have a Republican majority from the State of California.

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DEALING WITH THE DEBT

(Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, this morning our national debt stands at \$4,988,313,115,981.79.

Last month the President agreed to enact a 7-year balanced budget using CBO numbers. But he has yet to introduce a budget that balances. We need a balanced budget for our senior citizens, working families, and our children. The Congressional Budget Office has scored his latest budget and it is not balanced. In fact in 2002 the budget deficit is projected to be \$115 billion. A balanced budget will help us reduce mortgage costs, car payments, and college costs.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for the excuses to end. It is time to balance the budget, to make government live within its means and to give our children a shot at the American dream instead of the American debt.

SHUTDOWN LOOMS FOR DISTRICT

(Ms. NORTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, this is the last day of my countdown to shutdown. This is it. This is the day. I hope that this headline is as false as the one that said that Dewey had won the election: "Midnight Likely to Bring New Shutdown."

We are close enough so that a shutdown ought to be off the table, Mr. Speaker. The GOP asked for a 7-year plan. The President put a 7-year plan on the table. Americans now want us to work on the details—grunt work, not shut down of their services.

It is unthinkable, of course, that there would be no Christmas CR for Federal employees and for those who depend upon their services. But a CR would leave the District of Columbia running on empty. The way to kill an ailing city is to dole out its own money on a 2-day or a weekly or a quarterly basis. We do not want to finish off DC. We want to revive the Nation's Capital.

Bring our bill to the floor: Bipartisan; unanimously passed in the subcommittee and the full committee that would allow the Nation's Capital to spend its own money.

Fair is fair. Help the Nation's Capital. Do not kick it while it is down.

WE MUST BALANCE THE BUDGET

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the preamble to the Constitution reads, "We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity."

As a Republican, as a veteran, as a citizen, and as father—these are the things that I have fought for and want to pass on to my children, their children, and my country. I think many people have forgotten what this budget fight is about. It is not about the CBO or the OMB. It is about the future of this country.

If we do not balance the Federal budget and reduce spending—the country our forefathers envisioned will collapse under the weight of a massive debt and growing deficits. We must reduce spending and balance the budget. The freedom of our people and our country depend on it.

LABOR DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES NEW PROFESSIONS

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, whether it is a 4-year deal, 5-year deal, 7-year deal or 10-year deal, probably a 20-year deal, my question is: How can